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For:	ZINC OXIDE FILM TREATMENT)	
	METHOD AND METHOD OF	:	
	MANUFACTURING)	
	PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICE	:	
	UTILIZING THE SAME)	May 2, 2006

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than the U.S. patent documents, are enclosed. English-language abstracts for the foreign documents are also enclosed.

China 1362731, Japan 2002-237606, and Japan 2001-152390 were cited in an Official Action in a corresponding Chinese application. A copy of the Chinese Official Action, which is dated March 17, 2006, is enclosed.

Japan 2002-237606 is believed to be in the same patent family as U.S.

Patent No. 6,660,931 (which was previously cited in the August 18, 2004 Information

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of

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